GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:283
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Reappearance of Measles
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether once eradicated measles has reportedly reappeared in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last ten years, State-wise including the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) whether many other countries have also reported the cases of measles; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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(a) Measles was never eradicated from the country and measles cases have continued to be reported from various parts of the country.

(b) The State/UTs wise detail of number of measles cases reported in the last ten years is given at Annexure I.

The following steps have been taken by the Government to prevent measles:

1. Single dose measles vaccine (given at 9 - 12 months of age of child) was introduced across the country under the Universal Immunization Programme (UIP) in 1985.

2. The second dose of measles vaccine (given at 16 - 24 months of age of child) was introduced in 2010 in the Routine Immunization programme. In 14 States where evaluated coverage was less than/equal to 80%, second dose of measles was introduced after measles campaign in 2010-13 covering children from 9 months to less than 10 years. During this campaign about 12 crores children were vaccinated.

3. Intensification of both 1st and 2nd dose of measles vaccination coverage was undertaken under Mission Indradhanush from the year 2015.

4. To further reduce measles morbidity and mortality, Government has started Measles-Rubella (MR) vaccination campaign in a phased manner across the country, covering children in the age group of 9 months to less than 15 years. The campaign has started in February 2017 from five states/UTs, namely, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Goa and Lakshadweep and vaccinated about 3.33 crores children during this campaign. Following the campaign, Measles-Rubella (MR) vaccine has replaced two doses of measles vaccine provided in Routine Immunization programme in these states.

(c) Yes, many other countries have reported cases of measles.

(d) The detail of the measles cases reported from other countries, as per WHO-UNICEF joint reporting format, is at Annexure II.